

HOUSE BILL 575

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Maryland Department of Transportation – Study of**
3 **Rail Transit System for Southern Prince George's County**

4 **PG 401-10**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct
6 a study to determine the technical feasibility and economic viability of
7 constructing a Metro rail, light rail, or monorail transit system in southern
8 Prince George's County in the MD 201/I-295 corridor, from Indian Head to
9 certain Metro rail stations near the border of the District of Columbia; requiring
10 the Department to solicit input from certain persons as it conducts the study;
11 requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the
12 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the
13 Department to comply with this Act using existing resources; providing for the
14 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study by the Maryland
15 Department of Transportation regarding a rail transit system for southern
16 Prince George's County.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That:

19 (a) The Maryland Department of Transportation shall undertake a study to
20 assess the technical feasibility and economic viability of constructing a Metro rail,
21 light rail, or monorail transit system in southern Prince George's County in the MD
22 201/I-295 corridor from Indian Head, Maryland, to either the Southern Avenue or the
23 Anacostia Metro station near the border of Washington, D.C., including:

24 (1) identifying property that would be needed to construct an
25 appropriate rail transit system in the designated corridor and determining the
26 ownership of the property involved;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) evaluating any property identified in the corridor as a potential
2 site for a rail station as to its adequacy for parking, both at the time rail service would
3 be initiated and at a later date for parking expansion;

4 (3) estimating the cost to the State and applicable local governments
5 to purchase rights-of-way needed for the project to proceed; and

6 (4) determining the feasibility of using a portion of any existing public
7 right-of-way for the project.

8 (b) The Department shall solicit input for the study from affected and
9 interested persons throughout the State, including:

10 (1) the county and municipal governing bodies in the affected corridor,
11 especially in Prince George's County and in other southern Maryland jurisdictions;

12 (2) citizens throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan and
13 Baltimore metropolitan areas who utilize mass transit services or are otherwise
14 interested in the availability of mass transit services;

15 (3) utility companies that currently own or use rights-of-way that
16 may be suitable for mass transit; and

17 (4) other members of the public.

18 (c) On or before February 1, 2011, the Maryland Department of
19 Transportation shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
20 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland
22 Department of Transportation shall use existing resources to conduct the study and
23 make findings and recommendations as specified under Section 1 of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
26 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.